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# GROUND ZERO ANNOUNCES PLANS--THEME FOR 1996 ACTIVITIES

**With the appearance of the below reproduced billboards in Colorado Springs beginning on January 15th, 1996, Ground Zero, the educational advocacy organization for gay and lesbian issues in Colorado Springs, revealed its theme for 1996.**

**According to Ground Zero's Executive Director Frank Whitworth, "In choosing the theme "A Time To Mend" Ground Zero is acknowledging that it believes the people of Colorado and Colorado Springs want and deserve a rest from the hostile climate that would be created through another initiative campaign and that seeking understanding in a quiter climate is the best approach."**

**"Thus,"Whitworth continued, "no matter which way the U.S. Supreme Court rules on Amendment 2, Ground Zero will not promote a statewide initiative to include equality for gays and lesbians in the State Constitution in the forseeable future. Instead, we will work to restore balance and reason to the arguments and to promote understanding through education, visibility and coalition building.. Such a goal could not be achieved in the heat of a proactive political campaign to pass an initiative."**

**Ground Zero has been meeting with other state gay and lesbian nd supportive organizations over the last year. Out of these meeting has come the decision not to promote a boycott, no matter which way the decision goes, nor to promote an initiative no matter which way said decision. Essentially, the reasons statewide groups have chosen this route are similar to Ground Zero's own justifications for doing so.**

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